

Suit Against 'Fort Apache' Dismissed by State Court

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A lawsuit seeking to block the filming of "Fort Apache, the Bronx" was thrown out of State Supreme Court in Manhattan yesterday.

Justice Thomas Sinclair said complaints by blacks and Puerto Ricans who lived in the South Bronx were "only speculative connotations and ideological innuendo."

A group of South Bronx residents, the Committee Against Fort Apache, sued the producer, David Susskind, and Time-Life Films Inc., charging that blacks and Puerto Ricans were stereotyped in the film, which stars Paul Newman and Edward Asner as police officers in the 41st Precinct.

Although the crime rate has dropped sharply in the precinct in recent years, police officers once called the area "Fort Apache" because of its high crime rate.

Justice Sinclair said he would not read the film script because he did not want the court to become a literary or drama critic.

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